

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2020 Legislative Session**

**Legislative Day No. 27**

**RESOLUTION NO. 163-2020**

Introduced by: The President of the Council at the request of the Acting County Executive

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACTING COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG-CV) FOR THE DOWN-PAYMENT/CLOSING COSTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES PURCHASING A PRIMARY RESIDENCE IN WICOMICO COUNTY, BUT OUTSIDE THE CITY OF SALISBURY.

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has funds available for down-payment/closing costs assistance for low and moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, the Acting County Executive is requesting approval to apply for a Grant Award from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, through the Community Development Block Program in the amount of \$500,000.00 to continue the own-Payment/Closing Costs Assistance Program to low and moderate income families purchasing a primary residence in Wicomico County, but outside the City of Salisbury. The project costs include \$450,000.00 for the Down-Payment/Closing Costs Assistance, and \$50,000.00 for the project administration; and

WHEREAS, the Council understands that the Acting County Executive will carefully review the application and award document and has notified or will promptly notify all key staff about the award requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Chapter 29, Article II (Grant Funds) of the Wicomico County Code prescribed in Section 29-20.B the procedure by which the County Council may by resolution appropriate "unanticipated grant revenue" from grants not included in the Annual Budget and Appropriation Bill; and

WHEREAS, the grant award does not require an appropriation of local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on December 15, 2020, to receive input on proposed projects for the Community Development Block Grant Program FY21; and

WHEREAS, after a duly advertised public hearing, the County Council of Wicomico County has determined that the projects would serve the interest of all citizens and especially those citizens of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, the public was provided the opportunity to review and comment on the grant application.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland, that the Acting County Executive is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a grant award in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, through the Community Development Block Grant Program to continue the Down-Payment/Closing Costs Assistance Program to low and moderate income families purchasing a primary residence within Wicomico County, but outside the City of Salisbury. The project costs include \$450,000.00 for the Down-Payment/Closing Costs Assistance, and \$50,000.00 for the project administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland, as follows:

1. The Wicomico County Department of Planning, Zoning and Community Development shall administer the expenditure of the grant funds.
2. This Resolution and the action taken by Council here are subject to proper compliance with the conditions specified in Chapter 29, Article II, title "Grant Funds" of the County Code, following the passage of this Resolution.
3. The aforementioned grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, through the Community Development Block Grant Program, to the Department of Planning, Zoning and Community Development does not require an appropriation of local matching funds and, therefore, does not require certification by the Director of Finance to the County Council.
4. This Resolution does not establish or authorize any County employee position.

DONE at Salisbury, Maryland this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Hurley, Council Administrator

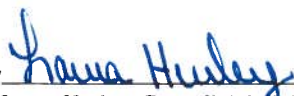
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Larry W. Dodd, Council President

**CERTIFICATION**

THIS RESOLUTION was Adopted , Adopted with Amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_,  
Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ by the County Council on December 15, 2020.

Certified by   
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Laura Hurley, Council Administrator